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Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Attention churches

If you are planning to hold virtual Good Friday and Easter services, please contact us by email at ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com to submit your listing.

Grow Wabash County accepting applications for Revolving Loan Fund program

The deadline for initial applications is Wednesday, April 15. More information regarding the terms and requirements for these loans as well as the necessary application and documents may be found here: <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship/revolving-loanfund/>. Questions regarding Grow Wabash County's RLF program or the application process may be directed by email to info@growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMV: Closed until at least April 7. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

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Holcomb to extend stay-at-home order for another 14 days

ISDH: State's COVID-19 death toll now over 100

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During a televised press conference Friday afternoon, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced he had extended the state's public health emergency order for another 30 days to May 3.

Holcomb also announced he would extend the state's stay-at-home order for another two

weeks starting on Monday.

The stay-at-home order originally extended to April 7. That date will be pushed back to April 21.

Earlier in the day Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced that 408 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 3,437 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

A total of 102 Hoosiers have died to date. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 17,835 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 16,285 on Thursday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 126. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (12), Decatur (11), Hamilton (14), Hendricks (23), Johnson (10), Lake (28), Lawrence (10), Porter (10) and Vanderburgh (10).

As of Friday, Wabash County had still only recorded one confirmed case, according to the ISDH.

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.in.gov, which will be updated daily at 10 a.m.

Cases are listed by county of residence.

Private lab reporting may be delayed and will be reflected in the map and count when results are received at ISDH.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Special order



Photos by Don Campbell / The Herald-Palladium

Donated cardboard cutouts line the pews at The Old Rugged Cross Church in Pokagon, Mich., in preparation for Dan Stuglik and Amy Simonson's wedding on Saturday.

Packaging company donates cardboard cutouts to couple for their wedding day

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN

The Herald-Palladium

DOWAGIAC, Mich. — When Amy Simonson walks down the aisle Saturday to marry the love of her life, the crowd looking on won't be the recognizable faces of loved ones.

"The switch from 50 to 12 was the hardest," Simonson said. "If my uncle that I haven't seen in six years isn't there, that's fine, but my grandma isn't coming, and part of my bridesmaids. My best friends won't be there."

Over the last three weeks, Simonson of Niles, Mich., and her finance, Dan Stuglik of Berrien Springs, Mich., have planned four different versions of their



Dan Stuglik and Amy Simonson will be joined by more than 100 cardboard cutouts, representing family and friends, when they are married Saturday at The Old Rugged Cross Church in Pokagon, Mich. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the couple to change their original plan of inviting 150 people, to one in which only a handful of people are present. But with the help and donation of the cutouts by Menasha Packaging of Coloma, Mich., the church won't seem so empty on their wedding day.

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Indiana SNAP recipients will begin receiving maximum benefit amounts next week

Total will depend on the household size

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) announced Friday that more than 152,000 Indiana households will receive additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits when April distributions begin this Sunday, according to a press release.

"The additional funds are intended to help Hoosiers obtain food and support for their families while Indiana responds to the COVID-19 pandemic," stated the release. The federal Families First

Coronavirus Response Act gives states the option to provide SNAP households with the maximum SNAP allotment, which is based on household size. SNAP households that are not currently receiving the maximum allotment will receive additional benefits that bring their allotment amount to the maximum. Households already receiving the maximum benefit will not receive additional benefits.

Maximum amounts per household size are as follows:

- One, \$194.
- Two, \$355.
- Three, \$509.
- Four, \$646.
- Five, \$768.
- Six, \$921.

- Seven, \$1,018.
- Eight, \$1,164.
- Each additional person, add \$146.

Indiana SNAP recipients receive their benefits via electronic benefit transfer according to a schedule based on the first letter of their last name. Each month, distribution starts on the 5th and concludes on the 23rd.

All new applications authorized in April will also receive the maximum allotment for their household size. FSSA is working to inform various partners and stakeholders, including retailers, of the change to help them inform and explain to SNAP recipients the reason

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T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Visit Wabash County launch 'Better Together' campaign Monday

STAFF REPORT

Beginning Monday, April 6, Visit Wabash County will launch a "Better Together" in Wabash County T-shirt campaign, according to Whitney Millsbaugh, marketing manager.

Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County.

Visit Wabash County has

partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex t-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan "Better Together." Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping.

"Visit Wabash County has been actively brainstorming ways to help our community right now as well as in the future since our hotels, restaurants, retailers, and entertainment venues depend on tourism to survive," stated Millsbaugh. "We hope that offering an exclusive tee will create a sense of unity in Wabash County while

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WHS senior named 2020 Indiana Academic All-Star

Taylor Coffman selected as one of 40 winners in the state

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Forty high school seniors from throughout Indiana have been named 2020 Indiana Academic All-Stars, a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP), according to Jill Slinker, program director.

Also, 50 other students were recognized as Academic All-Star Regional Honorees.

In a statement to the Plain Dealer last week, Kyle Wieland, Wabash High School (WHS) principal, stated Taylor Coffman, WHS senior, was named one of this year's All-Stars.

The students throughout the state were selected from a field of 280 outstanding nominees from the state's private and public accredited schools.

"Academic All-Star distinction recognizes seniors who excel in the classroom first and foremost, but who also are actively involved in their schools and communities, and take on leadership roles in those activities. The program is produced by the Indiana Association of School Principals, with support provided by DePauw University, Indiana University Bloomington, and Purdue University, along with corporate partner Herff

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White River State Park looks forward to spring

Fifty-two Japanese Yoshino cherry blossom trees beginning to bloom

Staff REPORT

Spring has officially arrived and so has the blooming of the Yoshino cherry trees at White River State Park (WRSP), according to a press release.

A gift from Japan, Yoshino cherry trees were given to Indianapolis and other American cities in 1912 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the cherry trees that have come to define spring in our nation's capital. They have become a real staple to the on-boarding of spring for The Park.

Located on the west bank of the White River, east of the Indianapolis Zoo's

White River Gardens, the trees create a stunning backdrop to the Waterfront Pavilion. They will be in full bloom for up to 14 days.

To learn more about WRSP, visit www.white-riverstatepark.org.

For more information, contact Jihada Garrett, Herd Strategies, at jihada@herdstrategies.com or 317-572-7102.

Please note: Following the direction of Governor Eric Holcomb and recommendations from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), the White River State Park (WRSP) Frank Lloyd Visitors Center and the



Provided photo

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IMAX Theater at the Indiana State Museum remain temporarily closed in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak until further notice.

T-SHIRTS

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simultaneously helping out the small businesses and individuals that need it most."

Through a partnership with Grow Wabash County and The Community Foundation of Wabash County, 100 percent of the proceeds will strictly be donated to help struggling small businesses and individuals of Wabash County.

"We are also asking the community to snap a photo wearing their new T-shirts and tag @visitwabashcounty on Facebook or Instagram so that we can share the support our community has received with others and continue to spread positivity," stated Millsbaugh.

To purchase a "Better Together" Wabash County



Provided photo

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T-shirt, please visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or visit the Visit Wabash County

Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped directly to the provided address.

SNAP

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for the additional allotment. The SNAP provides food as-

sistance to low and no income people and families living in the United States. It is a federal aid program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department

of Agriculture. Distribution of benefits occurs at the state level. In February, 559,600 Hoosiers from approximately 253,658 households across Indiana received SNAP benefits.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Few Showers 55 / 39	Sunday Partly Cloudy 56 / 46	Monday Chance T-storms 63 / 56	Tuesday Scattered T-storms 67 / 58	Wednesday Few Showers 65 / 46

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:16 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:24 a.m.

Full 4/7	Last 4/14	New 4/22	First 4/30

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 71%. Northwest wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 65% chance of showers, overnight low of 39°. West southwest wind 5 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 35°.

Student stressed about switching to online classes

DEAR HARRIETTE: My school has recently gone online for the duration of the spring semester due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. The professors are scrambling to adjust to these new changes. I am worried about how I am going to adjust. I am anxious about taking online classes; I work better when I can physically see the professor. I have been doing well, and my GPA is decently high; I don't want this to drop my grades. What can I do to stop thinking of the worst-case scenario? And how do I adjust to the sudden changes? – Virtual Student

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR VIRTUAL STUDENT: You and your professors are all in this together. The learning curve is significant, and hopefully your professors will keep that in mind when it comes to teaching and grading. What you can and must do is submit questions whenever you do not understand something. Be insistent when you are unclear. Ask your professors for guidance, and make it clear whenever you are struggling. Find out if your professors will offer virtual office hours when you can speak one-on-one or in small groups to address your concerns. The more you ask for what you need, the better your professors will be able to design the curriculum and support services that will help all students learn in this new reality.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I just started "talking to" a guy before school was canceled and we were told we can't get together with friends. We talk on SnapChat because that's how kids communicate, but this can only last so long. Normally kids my age start hanging out

by now so that they get to know each other better. I'm not quite sure what to do. I have never dated before, but I like this guy, and I know he likes me. How can we keep things moving forward without it getting awkward? I have no idea when we will see each other in person again. – Puppy Love

DEAR PUPPY LOVE: Years ago, people became pen pals when they couldn't physically be in each other's company but they wanted to stay close. SnapChat is a modern version of this idea. You are right: It can grow old fast if it feels like it's time to go to the next level. It's time to get creative. Since you both like each other even though it's new, you can continue to

send your funny messages by Snap, but also consider literally talking on the phone or texting as a bridge to talking. Engaging in lengthier conversations will help you to get to know each other better. The question will be who introduces the idea first. Consider putting it out there – ask if he would like to text you sometime. That could feel scary because it is a next step toward intimacy, but someone needs to make the move to keep your interaction alive.

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THURSDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
16-20-28-34-40
Estimated jackpot: \$115,000
Cash4Life
10-17-22-24-44, Cash Ball: 1
Daily Three-Midday
2-8-7, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
4-9-0, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
5-8-1-6, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
5-9-1-8, SB: 5
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$121 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$180 million

FRIDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	.66
Copper.....	.76
Lead.....	.84
Zinc.....	.84
Gold.....	1,616.77
Silver.....	14.38
Platinum.....	719.33

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.19. Soybeans: \$8.50.

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\$5,900
STOCK# YB936A

10 CHEVY IMPALA LTZ

\$8,450
STOCK# AT0072A
80K MILES LOCAL TRADE

15 CHEVY IMPALA LTZ W/SUNROOF

\$18,900
STOCK# YT831A
68K MILES

10 GMC TERRAIN SLT

\$7,900
STOCK# YT831A1

17 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT 7 PASSENGER, ROOM FOR WHOLE FAMILY

\$23,300
STOCK# Z0166
39K MILES

17 CHEVY EQUINOX LT

\$18,680
STOCK# Z0163
22K MILES

15 CHEVY EQUINOX FWD LT

\$12,800
STOCK# YT828A

17 BUICK ENCLAVE LEATHER

\$23,900
STOCK# Z0182
48K MILES

15 KIA SORENTO

\$14,900
STOCK# AG122A

16 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 CREW CAB LT 4X4

\$34,000
STOCK# AT0042A
63K MILES

13 CHEVY TAHOE LT 4X4

\$15,990
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WEDDING

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wedding day.

At one time they planned for about 150 guests. But as orders and recommendations from the CDC and Michigan’s governor were handed down in response to the coronavirus pandemic, that number dwindled quickly.

The only thing that didn’t change was that the ceremony would take place in the Old Rugged Cross Church in Pokagon, of which Stuglik sits on the board of directors.

“I was seeing creative ways to fill churches, like pastors that were preaching to pictures of their parishioners, and so I wanted to do something so she wouldn’t walk down the aisle to an empty church,” Stuglik said.

That’s where Menasha Packaging Co. in Coloma, Mich., comes in.

Stuglik, a Coloma Township police officer, stopped by the factory one day to see about buying cardboard to make cardboard cutouts to fill the pews.

“When I explained why, it was neat to see their response,” he said. “They got a little emotional about what we were doing. They immediately got excited about going above and beyond what we expected.”

Ted Harris, customer service and design manager at Menasha, and Luke Arendash, director of sales and operations, said they just wanted to help out.

“It’s been a long time since I got married, but cutting corrugated cardboard the

weekend before my wedding wasn’t high on my list,” Arendash said.

The packaging factory has the ability, on demand, to fashion any design it wants in small batch runs.

“(Stuglik) was just looking for a general person shape, but I was able to make it a little bit more realistic audience for them,” Harris said.

The more than 100 cutouts, that Menasha donated to the couple, run the gamut. There are tall ones, short ones, young and old ones, and cutouts with long hair, short hair or ponytails.

“It’s funny to think about a factory producing our wedding guests,” Stuglik said. “This is such a kind thing for them to do.”

Arendash said Menasha is always looking for ways to support the local community.

“Especially our law enforcement,” he said. “We were all in. We’re definitely in an unprecedented time, a trying time, and being able to provided just a little bit of joy to anybody feels good.”

Stuglik, who serves at the Coloma Community Schools resource officer, and Simonson, a seventh-grade English teacher at Berrien Springs Middle School, have had not only their wedding ceremony change over the last three weeks, but their honeymoon to Newport, R.I., was canceled and they had to move the reception to October.

“We’re both planners, so we pretty well had every detail worked out and set up before all of this happened,” Stuglik said.

“There were whiteboards

and spreadsheets, all of that,” Simonson added.

They acknowledge that going from having all the centerpieces laid out on the dining room table to only sharing the day with their parents, their pastor, two groomsmen and two bridesmaids has been a painful process.

“But I think we both have peace now, because it’s stripped down to what it should be, which is us and God, getting married,” Stuglik said.

“As people of faith, we have enough right now.”

The couple met while working together at Crystal Springs Camp near Dowagiac. They were friends for about five years before becoming more.

Simonson is in the process of moving to Berrien Springs to live with Stuglik. She said the stay-at-home order has given her more time to pack.

The couple will now honeymoon in Union Pier. They found an Airbnb home to rent because they still wanted to do a honeymoon right away.

“We have the rest of our lives to travel to other places,” Stuglik said.

They plan to visit Rhode Island in the future, as they still have flight credit.

Stuglik said he’ll forever be thankful to Menasha that they helped him do something special for his fiancée, so that her wedding can be that much more special.

“That was a painful part, that her wedding was being stripped away from her, but Menasha helped bring a little back,” he said.

Lewis Dumbauld

Nov. 12, 1922 – March 9, 2020



Lewis Dean Dumbauld: Born on Nov. 12, 1922 in Huntington, Indiana, and passed away, surrounded by love, on March 9, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. He graduated from high school in 1940 and enlisted in the Navy in 1942 to serve his country during World War II. He was deployed as a tail gunner on a dive bomber in the South Pacific. Lew married his “sweetheart”, Ruth, when he returned in 1945. He then continued his education at Purdue University graduating in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Lew and Ruth lived in Wabash, Indiana until 1968 when they moved their family to Phoenix, Arizona. During his long electronics career he was employed by RCA, Deluxe Coils, Wa-

bash Magnetics, New Products Engineering, Hamlin Electronics, and founded Dumbauld & Associates. Lew and Ruth were very active at Crossroads United Methodist Church. They traveled the world on mission projects serving in Mexico, Tonga, the Navajo and Apache Nations, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Hawaii.

In recent years he enjoyed friends and community at Fellowship Square. Mr. Dumbauld was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by one brother, two sisters-in-law, five children, four daughters-in-law, twelve grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

A memorial service, at Hansen Mortuary, 8314 N. 7th St. Phoenix, AZ, 85020, is pending. Visit www.hansenm.com for condolences.

Robert E. White

Funeral services for Robert E. “Bob” White, 79, of Wabash, were 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Ryan Weaver officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician. Memories were shared by Bob’s wife, Sue White, daughter Kathy White, son Kris White, brother, Dick White, and other family. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash, on Friday April 3, 2020.

Purdue dropping planned raises – for now – amid virus crisis

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — The president of Purdue University said it would be “irresponsible” to offer raises while the campus deals with impacts from the coronavirus outbreak.

A 3 percent merit pay pool was planned for July. But Mitch Daniels told trustees Thursday that he’s dropping it while also lim-

iting repairs and purchases and putting a freeze on new hires, the Journal & Courier reported.

“The 3 percent pay increases we were working on and planning for – we’re just going to have to postpone until we know what the future holds,” Daniels said. “Our hope is sometime during next fiscal year we can put those

in place. But it would be really irresponsible to do that in July.”

Purdue’s new fiscal year starts July 1. Daniels said he didn’t anticipate job cuts during the balance of the current budget year.

Daniels also has created a 12-member task force to look at how the campus can reduce health risks next fall.

PULSE

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■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for stu-

dents will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year. Spring Break is scheduled from April 3 to 10.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until April 7. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through at least April 7.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email waweb@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Wabash City Hall will be closed through at least April 7. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding

COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Man-

chester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us.

Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County. The road closure is scheduled to begin in mid-April but may begin at the end of April due to weather. The five-day closure will allow maintenance crews to complete the replacement of multiple culvert pipes. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained through the work. The official state detour for the closure will be Indiana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting. Motorists can expect to see signage up as early as the week of April 1.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

“Dia de Lagro” will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot. The market occurs

every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NEImuralfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash-plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalms 63:3-4

Ignore the mixed messages and wear that mask

In a democracy, government officials must always tell it straight – especially during a pandemic – and never hide behind a mask of misinformation. Yet it appears the American people have been fed misleading advice from many sources, including the federal government, downplaying the protection face masks can provide against COVID-19. The best advice now, as best as we can suss out, is that you should consider wearing a mask, even of the homemade variety, whenever you must venture out into a public space, even if you believe you are healthy. It may provide at least some marginal protection. That’s not the official advice of the federal government – not yet – but the official advice has not been consistent or trustworthy. We’re just telling you what we would do. We would wear a mask. At least as early as late last month, official sources were discouraging people who had not been infected by the coronavirus from wearing a mask. On Feb. 29, for example, U.S.

Surgeon General Jerome Adams tweeted “Seriously people – STOP BUYING MASKS!” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has repeatedly stated that masks should be worn only by people stricken by the virus and those caring for them. Now, though, we are learning that masks possibly can provide a measure of protection for people who aren’t sick, if used properly. And the CDC, it was reported Monday, may soon reverse itself and encourage people to wear face coverings of some sort during the pandemic. Why hasn’t this been the message all along? Apparently there are several understandable, yet ultimately unacceptable, reasons. Public health authorities, for one, don’t want people stockpiling high-quality masks, aggravating shortages for health care workers and others on the front lines of combating the pandemic. Also, when a mask isn’t properly used, it’s not nearly as effective as people might be-

lieve. The worry has been that if people think wearing a mask provides strong protection, they will ignore other essential safety measures, such as physical distancing and thorough hand-washing. We get that. As Mayor Lori Lightfoot learned when she was forced to close down the lakefront because people were ignoring physical distancing, it can be darn hard to get people to follow the rules. But the result of this earlier questionable advice about masks – just don’t bother – might be that more people have spread and caught the virus. It never made sense all along to say that the same masks that are essential to the health of doctors and nurses offer the general public no particular protection. The better informed the American people are, even if that information is highly nuanced, the sooner our nation will turn the corner in the fight against COVID-19.

— A version of this editorial was first published in the Chicago Sun-Times.



A COVID-19 basic income

By ERIC SCHANSBERG

You may remember Andrew Yang. He was a Democratic candidate for President who had a surprisingly successful run. He didn’t have any political experience. And unlike most of his competitors, he brims with joy and thoughtfulness about policy. His most intriguing (and popular) proposal is to give every American \$1,000 per month. With COVID-19, some politicians have been pitching similar proposals – at least temporarily, during the crisis. As usual, it would be better – at least on paper – to target the assistance, more effectively, to those in need. As such, quicker and more liberal unemployment insurance and health care for the newly-unemployed makes more sense, assuming the government can do this well. The fancy term for this is “Universal Basic Income (UBI),” that is, everyone should have (or be given) enough income to survive. The idea has been around for decades and championed by thinkers and politicians on the Left and the Right. (As a budding young economist, I remember reading about it through Milton Friedman.) Yang motivates UBI from his concern about the impact of technological advance on the labor market. This is always a factor in the “churn” of the market. But he believes this time is different – along the lines of a crisis, particularly for less-skilled workers. (His favorite example is truck drivers being replaced by self-driving vehicles.) I’m confident that his worries are exaggerated – that our current technological advances will not be much more disruptive than what we’ve seen in the past. But there are other reasons to consider UBI. A year ago,

I read Charles Murray’s nice little book on the topic, “In Our Hands: A Plan to Replace the Welfare State.” His argument is that UBI would be better than our current welfare system – cheaper, less intrusive and fewer disincentives. If America insists on a significant “welfare state,” a well-constructed UBI would almost certainly be better. Murray’s UBI proposal is that all Americans ages 21 and over would be offered catastrophic health insurance coverage and \$10,000 per year by the federal government. (High cost-of living states might choose to supplement this. If not, many people would choose to move to lower cost-of-living areas.) Yang’s proposal kicks in at age 18, but Murray is wiser in proposing UBI at age 21. This is crucial, since the habits created between ages 18 and 21 will change the way that the UBI is perceived. Someone in college will not be tempted (much) to leave college to rely on the UBI at 21. Someone who works after high school for three years is less likely to be tempted to leave a job, income, and career path to rely solely on the UBI at 21. The UBI would replace all other federal welfare programs. People could opt into the UBI or stay with their current arrangements. As Murray explains, aside from people at or near retirement, most people will choose the UBI. (Again, states might supplement these efforts – particularly, to help those with children.) One advantage is immediately obvious: the dog’s breakfast of current federal welfare programs for the poor would be replaced by a cash grant that is simpler, more efficient, and less prone to promote disincentives to work, to save, and to form and maintain a two-parent household. Unlike welfare programs, all

people would receive the UBI, so it would remove the stigma for receiving “assistance”. It would reduce the disincentives to work because you would still receive UBI, even if you earned quite a bit. It would reduce the disincentive to save. Currently, recipients can have their government benefits reduced or even cut off – if they save “too much.” And it would reduce the disincentives against two-parent households among the poor, since current programs are often conditional on not being married. Conservatives will applaud the UBI’s efficiency and reduced disincentives on work, saving and family formation. Liberals will appreciate resources for the needy, the removal of stigma for welfare and disempowering the bureaucracy that tends to dehumanize recipients. How would we pay for the UBI? It turns out that the current set of entitlement and welfare programs are more expensive. Murray recommends a modest UBI reduction rate between \$30,000 and \$60,000, so that those above the poverty line receive less from the UBI, reducing its costs. (And we might expect wealthy and liberal people to refuse the payments, lowering costs further.) Murray’s concerns are clearly valid. Society cannot afford to destroy incentives to work, save and raise children in two-parent households. And taxpayers cannot afford the current system of entitlements and welfare programs. The UBI would be a big improvement over the status quo. Thanks to Murray and Yang for promoting the idea. D. Eric Schansberg is professor of economics at Indiana University Southeast, adjunct scholar for the Indiana Policy Review Foundation and author of “Turn Neither to the Right nor Left: A Thinking Christian’s Guide to Politics and Public Policy.”

Dan Patrick can speak for himself

South Carolina author Josephine Humphreys recently posed a problematical question on Facebook: If you’re a doctor and you have 10 patients with coronavirus but can only save nine, who do you let die? It is often the writer’s purpose to explore questions that are otherwise imponderable. William Styron broke the world’s heart with a similar question in his novel, “Sophie’s Choice.” Set in Nazi Germany, a mother, Sophie, was given a choice by her heartless captors: Which of her children would she allow to live? Styron cuts so close to the bone that one wonders, why even think of such a thing? Because that’s what artists are compelled to do.

On a lighter note, novelist Christopher Buckley teased out the idea in “Boomsday” that, in light of Social Security trust fund shortfalls, baby boomers should kill themselves – a satirical idea that was embraced in the book and, now almost prophetically, seems to be taking hold in the swamp we call Washington, D.C. Death is too much with us today. The U.S. now leads the world in the number of confirmed coronavirus cases. By the time I finish this column, more will have died of the plague we’ve come to know as COVID-19. As most of us have turned inward, staying inside our houses and keeping our distances elsewhere, we try to absorb the news that there aren’t enough masks for medical personnel or enough hospital beds and, most horrifying, ventilators for the number of patients who eventually will need them. Suddenly, Humphreys’ question is not so strange.

We know that elderly people are the most vulnerable to the virus’s ravages, as are those with pre-existing conditions that make recovery more vexing. Smokers, asthmatics, diabetics, people who are very obese – all are more likely to have severe symptoms than people who are healthier. With limited supplies of ventilators, who gets them and who does not? More to the point, who doesn’t get one and dies as a result? Somebody makes that call. Which brings us back to Humphreys’ question and what seems the obvious answer – the elderly would be either denied more often than people who are younger, or at least asked, pretty please, might you be ready to go? In recent days, there have been subtle and not-so-subtle nudges in that direction. Most overt was the suggestion by Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick that many grandparents, apparently including Patrick himself, would rather die than allow social distancing to crush the economy. He told Fox News anchor Tucker Carlson that he’d rather take the risk of being infected by the coronavirus than have his grandchildren inherit an economic collapse.

“No one reached out to me and said, ‘As a senior citizen, are you willing to take a chance on your survival in exchange for keeping the America that all America loves for your children and grandchildren?’ ... If that is the exchange, I’m all in,” Patrick said.

The lieutenant governor claimed that he knew many others who feel just as he does about getting the country back to work, including Donald Trump, though it seems unlikely that the president would volunteer to die for anyone’s sake. Narcissism, not to mention the survival instinct, doesn’t work that way.

Meanwhile, I’ve been hearing a lot from doctors and others about “advance directives,” the documents by which healthy people create binding directives that detail their wishes for medical treatment should they become incapacitated and unable to speak for themselves. Most healthy people, especially the young, probably think they’d rather not be put on a ventilator, but then along came the coronavirus, and perhaps they’re not so sure anymore. (Time for me to update a directive I created in my 20s!) Calvin Alexander, a critical care doctor in Shreveport, Louisiana, reported to me by email that he “not infrequently” treats critically ill elderly patients in intensive care who, ignorant of advance directives, opt out of ventilators and other life support once their options are explained.

With recent discussions about rationing resources, Alexander urged a national discussion about advance directives. “We need to make sure we use them (ventilators) on patients that want them in the first place.”

No doubt, he’s right about the conversation, but I’m not sure he or Patrick are correct about the degree of sacrificial altruism afoot in our retirement communities. Four of my close neighbors, all in their 80s, recently survived coronavirus, and I’m confident they were grateful for medical treatment, including ventilators.

By all means, let’s encourage thoughtful planning for end-of-life concerns. But let’s also beware insidious messaging that encourages our older citizens to sacrifice themselves for the young. After all, everyone eventually gets old, if we’re lucky.

And, to rephrase Humphreys’ question: Whose grandparents should die – yours or mine? Kathleen Parker’s email address is kathleen.parker@washpost.com.

Girlfriend says man should find new home after prison

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 15 years is in prison. We have two children together. Our relationship has been rough. We had a fight, and he went to jail for it. Another reason he went to prison is he violated his probation and failed to report.

Dear Abby



I take the kids to see him, and he still wants us to be together. He has nowhere to go when he gets out. How do I tell him I don't want him back at my house without him retaliating on me? — Afraid In Texas

DEAR AFRAID: This is how. Tell him plainly that because of the circumstances that sent him to jail, you no longer want him living under your roof. It's bad for the children. Therefore, he will be finding other living arrangements when he is released.

He may not like it, but please remember you owe him nothing. You have to stand your ground for your children's sake. Should he stalk or threaten you in any way, go to the police. Tell them you are afraid of him and why, and ask about a restraining order because he is violent.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I eat a meal, as soon as he's finished he gets up and wanders around. We call that the "wandering" phase of his meal. I have asked him to no avail to stay seated and talk with me. I think it is disrespectful.

My husband also pulls out his phone when we are out with friends. I have told him that what he's doing is basically telling them he would rather see what's on his phone than converse with them. He doesn't do it for the entire meal, but when he does, it irritates me. How can I get basic manners across to him? — Lonely At Mealtime

DEAR LONELY: I knew a person years ago who had an impulse control problem similar to the one you describe your husband having. The man had been in an auto accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. In your husband's case, it appears he either has attention deficit disorder or "suffers" from a lack of consideration for your feelings. There is help for the former, but you can't teach basic manners to someone who doesn't want to learn. You have my sympathy. Try not to let it give you heartburn.

DEAR ABBY: I work as a parcel clerk in a major retail store. The biggest part of my job is returning shopping carts from the parking lot to the lobby. Shoppers have a habit that makes my job a lot harder than it needs to be, so I want to get this message out to as many people as possible:

PLEASE push your shopping cart ALL THE WAY into the next one when you put it away. I'm not asking you to bring your cart all the way back to the store. Just remember that each cart can nest into the one in front of it.

You have no idea how much faster I could do my job if everybody did this. Thank you for helping get the word out. — Plea From The Parking Lot

DEAR PLEA: Glad to help. And as long as we are on the subject of shopping carts, may I add that those cute little straps that are meant to secure small children in the upper compartment of the cart tend to get caught and lock the carts together if folks are careless after they unhook their children. It can be next to impossible to untangle those carts. I speak from experience.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILT TEASE VIABLE WARMTH
Answer: When King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in 1936, it hit the UK like a — "TITLE WAIVE"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"It's one of those old-folk dances."

BEETLE BAILEY

THAT WAS SUCH A SCARY FILM!

I'M STILL SHAKING

I'M SO SPOOKED...

EXIT

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT

GREG FAMORT WALKER

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BLONDIE

DON'T RYAN AND KRISTI MAKE A LOVELY COUPLE?

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING GOWN... HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING SO GORGEOUS?

WELL, DID YOU GET A LOOK AT THE CAKE?!!

4-4

HI & LOIS

I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE SOME OF THIS TO THE STORAGE UNIT.

THAT WON'T WORK.

IT'S ALWAYS WORKED BEFORE.

PRECISELY. IT'S FULL.

4-4

BC

PLEASE DON'T TALK WHILE YOU'RE CHEWING, GROC.

4-4

WIZARD OF ID

PEOPLE OF ID... YOUR GREAT KING!

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE 'IMPERIAL MARCH'

COULDN'T AFFORD THE RIGHTS

4-4

DILBERT

YOUR PRODUCTS ARE SHODDY, AND YOUR SALES TEAMS ARE INCOMPETENT.

BUT THERE IS A THEORETICAL AMOUNT OF MARKETING GENIUS THAT CAN FIX ALL OF THAT.

ARE YOU THAT GENIUS?

PLEASE. YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH.

4-4

GARFIELD

HEY, CAT! DON'T MESS WITH ME...

OR YOU'LL MEET MY BIG BROTHER LARRY!

I KNOW HIM

"LARRY ALMONDINE"... WE MET OVER DINNER

4-4

FORT KNOX

THE WOMAN AT THE SENIOR CENTER LIFTED MY CURSE!

THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR, MOM.

NOW I CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT BITING THE PUST.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO CELEBRATE?

SKYPIVE.

WHAT GOES UP

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PICKLES

I HAVE A QUESTION...

WHY ARE CATS ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND THEM?

I'LL TELL YOU WHY. IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE SADISTIC.

CATS KNOW WE'RE TOO BIG TO EAT, BUT IF THEY CAN AT LEAST GET FUR ALL OVER OUR CLOTHES THEY'RE SATISFIED.

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Home can't be truly happy unless Christ is the center

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I grew up in a home filled with chaos: no structure, no teaching. I am amazed that I became an adult that had any ability to discern right from wrong, but thank God neighbors took interest in me at special times. Now as a young mother, what are some of the lessons I can pass on to my children to better prepare them for life? — T.A.

A: It's doubtful a home can be truly happy unless Christ is the center of the home. God instituted marriage, the family and the home, where the basic lessons of life are learned. Home should be a sanctuary, a place of discipline, safety and peace; not bedlam or confusion. The Bible says to "set your house

in order" (Isaiah 38:1).

The word discipline means "to teach." Teaching has been too long left to school-teachers and coaches. Parents are to teach their children by precept and example to be loving members of the household, good citizens of the community, faithful members of the church, and most important obedient followers of Jesus Christ. This pleases God.

It takes time, patience and skill to set a house in order, but God says that it is an essential we cannot shun.

"Teach [My words] diligently to your children... talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up... write them on the doorposts of your house" (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). This is a beautiful picture of making God's Word the center of home life, and oh what a difference it will make.

Parents have their children a few short years. Instill in them love for the Lord; there is no greater investment that can be made.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"ST VGF IFHRTN OBLNF ... S NSN
L ZXLP. ... UP ALVGF B OLKF UF UP
ASBIV RIHLB: LT SHF HBFLU HRTF."
— CSBC NREOXLI

Previous Solution: "Hollywood is a goofy place. But I like it. ... If one weren't a little mad, one wouldn't be there." — Charles Laughton

TODAY'S CLUE: A K

COFFMAN

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Jones,” stated Slinker. “Student awards will be awarded at a later date by DePauw University, Indiana University Bloomington, Purdue University, and the Indiana Association of School Principals. Herff Jones provides the plaques awarded to the 40 Indiana Academic All-Stars and their Influential Educators. The IASP Indiana Academic All-Stars program salutes academic excellence in the same manner that student-athletes traditionally are honored.”

Slinker stated by providing a showcase for academically talented seniors, the sponsoring organizations hope to accomplish the following objectives:

- Give academic achievement the prestige it deserves;
- Motivate students to recognize the value of academic excellence;
- Provide students with an incentive for academic achievement, and
- Promote a positive image of Indiana’s young people.

Each public and private high school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education may nominate one senior for consideration as an Indiana Academic All-Star. From these nominees, a selection committee chose the Regional winners (representing five regions in Indiana) and the 40 Indiana Academic All-Stars.

Selection of the school’s nominee is based upon the following considerations:

- A mathematical formula that combines the SAT or ACT composite score and the seven-semester grade-point average; and
- Academic achievements and honors, academic courses and academic extracurricular activities.
- Other extracurricular activities, community service and leadership qualities.

The following students

besides Coffman were recognized as 2020 Indiana Academic All-Stars:

- Jennifer Cahillane, Washington Township Middle/High School, Valparaiso
- Joseph Carper, Perry Meridian High School, Indianapolis
- Tyler Chamberlain, Bloomington High School South, Bloomington
- Dylan Clarke, Franklin Community High School, Franklin
- Lauren Coffey, Plainfield High School, Plainfield
- Amina Dalal, Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis
- Lukas Denney, Crown Point High School, Crown Point
- Daniel Ehrlich, Park Tudor School, Indianapolis
- Lyndie Foster, Scottsburg High School, Scottsburg
- Nicholas Grill, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis
- Sophia Rae Hagedorn, Center Grove High School, Indianapolis
- William Hawkins, Roncalli High School, Indianapolis
- Emma Higgason, Munster High School, Munster
- Imran Hussain, Eman School, Fishers
- Kaveh Jalinous, La Lumiere School, LaPorte
- Tara Kalia, Franklin Central High School, Indianapolis
- Paige Kertes, Fishers High School, Fishers
- Emre Keskin, West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School, West Lafayette
- Gabriel Kroeger, Chesterton High School, Chesterton
- James Yixing Lao, Zionsville Community High School, Zionsville
- Angela Li, Carmel High School, Carmel
- Regan Mangrum, Southwestern Jr/Sr High School, Shelbyville
- Hayden Mattick, Terre Haute North Vigo High School, Terre Haute
- Will Michaels, Valparaiso High School, Valparaiso



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Taylor Coffman, WHS senior, was named one of this year's All-Stars.

- Kenzie Paul, Mount Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon
- Benjamin Pekarek, Wm. Henry Harrison High School, West Lafayette
- Daelyn Quinn, Castle High School, Newburgh
- Reid Schene, Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville
- Rose Schnabel, International School of Indiana, Indianapolis
- Kabir Sheth, Signature School, Evansville
- Hugh Smith, Plymouth High School, Plymouth
- Erica Song, Columbus North High School, Columbus
- Owen Speer, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis
- Hannah Tippets, Brownsburg High School, Brownsburg
- Grant Wagner, Winchester Community High School, Winchester
- Karen Wang, University High School, Carmel
- Benjamin Wilkerson, Greencastle High School, Greencastle
- Veronica Wrobleski,

Canterbury School, Fort Wayne

- Gene Yang, Kokomo High School, Kokomo

The students listed below are recognized as Regional Academic All-Stars:

- Quintin Allen, Tippecanoe Valley High School, Akron
- Erin Batta, Batesville High School, Batesville
- Samantha Beachey, Fairfield Jr/Sr High School, Goshen
- Cole Bergman, Garrett High School, Garrett
- Benjamin Beyer, Warsaw Community High School, Warsaw
- Neha Bhasin, Evansville Day School, Evansville
- Benjamin Blachly, New Palestine High School, New Palestine
- Elizabeth Casetti, Penn High School, Mishawaka
- Joshua Chen, Lake Central High School, St. John
- Christiane Davis, White River Valley High School, Switz City
- Jui Desai, Avon High School, Avon

- Peyton Eaton, Barr-Reeve Middle/High School, Montgomery
- Addison Emig, Central High School, Evansville
- Allison Furnish, Switzerland County High School, Vevay
- Makenna Gall, Northwood High School, Napanee
- Joseph Gard, Elkhart Memorial High School, Elkhart
- Ellie Garst, Western Boone Jr/Sr High School, Thorntown
- Andrew Glover, New Castle High School, New Castle
- Joel Greenfield, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis
- William Hartwell, Milan High School, Milan
- Abigail Hauser, Forest Park Jr/Sr High School, Ferdinand
- Carson Herrell, Harrison High School, Evansville
- John Herzog, Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers
- Carrie Hoke, Eastern High School, Pekin
- Jordan Jennings, Rochester Community High School, Rochester
- Samuel Johnson, Hauser Jr/Sr High School, Hope
- Rylee Johnson, Shenandoah High School, Middletown
- Brooke Jones, Elkhart Christian Academy, Elkhart
- Emmalee Kiser, Columbus East High School, Columbus
- Komal Kumar, Indiana Academy for Science, Math & Humanities, Muncie
- Treyton Lehman, South Adams High School, Berne
- Emily Longenecker, Rossville Middle/Sr High School, Rossville
- Sarah Mahnesmith, Rensselaer Central High School, Rensselaer
- Jesse McCurdy, Lapel High School, Lapel
- Aidan McDonnell, Marquette Catholic High School, Michigan City
- Luka Mikek, Crawfordsville High School,

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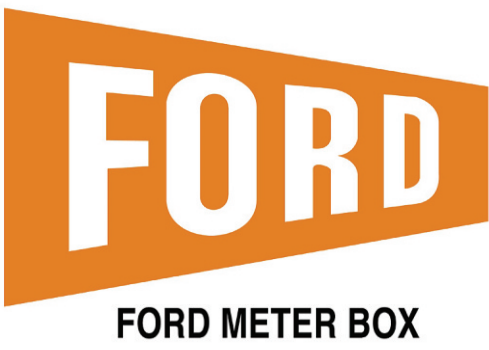
- Madison Moseley, North Montgomery High School, Crawfordsville
- Carson Park, Jasper High School, Jasper
- Ethan Roos, Heritage Hills High School, Lincoln City
- Ian Schowe, East Noble High School, Kendallville
- Caleb Shenk, Bethany Christian School, Goshen
- Edward Smalstig, Yorktown High School, Yorktown
- Emma Summers, Brown County High School, Nashville
- Abigail Teipen, South Putnam Middle/High School, Greencastle
- Isabel Turner, Southport High School, Indianapolis
- Olivia Vanderbur, North Decatur Jr/Sr High School, Greensburg
- Grace Vlasek, St. Theodore Guerin High School, Noblesville
- Gabriella Willoughby, Mitchell High School, Mitchell
- Lucille Wilson, Speedway High School, Speedway
- Jaylen Young, Seeger Memorial Jr/Sr High School, West Lebanon

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By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

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the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email patty@cfwabash.org or melissa@cfwabash.org or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the Coun-

ty Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

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Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Patriotism sweeps county at the start of World War I

The word that President Woodrow Wilson had signed a declaration of war against Germany reached Wabash by telegraph on April 6, 1917. It came as no surprise. The United States had been

Pete Jones



moving in that direction for some time, and feelings of patriotism had been building in Wabash County.

Only two days before America went to war, employees at the Service Motor Truck Company on the west edge of town gathered with a handful of townsfolk to dedicate a new flagpole and raise a new flag at the factory site. By coincidence, Indiana Gov. James P. Goodrich was speaking in Wabash that day.

At the last minute, the Reverend Doctor Frank Jaynes and others prevailed upon the governor to deliver a short talk at the flag-raising. The governor agreed and delivered what the Plain Dealer described as "... a stirring patriotic address." (A large photograph of that event hangs on the east wall of the meeting room at the Wabash County Museum.)

Even before the president signed the declaration of war, the Indiana National Guard stepped up its recruiting efforts. Travis Whitesell, a ranking officer of the Indiana Guard and a resident of rural Laketon, began soliciting volunteers in the northern part of the county. On April 5, he announced that 45 men from

Laketon, North Manchester, Liberty Mills, Urbana and Roann had volunteered and would form the first company from Wabash County to head off to service.

Two days after war was declared, the Eagles Theater was filled to overflowing with hundreds of citizens who attended a patriotic meeting planned earlier in the week. Charles Brookwalter, a former mayor of Indianapolis and a native of Wabash County, came back home as the featured speaker at the rally. Brookwalter, a sternly handsome man, brought the crowd to its feet time and again with his remarks.

Veterans of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War gathered at Memorial Hall and marched to the theater. They entered through the theater's side doors and Mayor James Wilson escorted them to the stage. Those who were there said the cheering was deafening. Over the next several days, nearly every town and village in the county staged patriotic meetings complete with orations, singing and mass pledges to support the war effort which was just beginning.

There were no commercial radio stations in the United States in 1917, but there were significant numbers of amateur stations, many of which were operated by young men and boys as a hobby. In a state of quick reaction to the new state of war, President Wilson issued an executive order shutting down those stations.

Three wireless stations were in Wabash County. Joseph and Fred Bechtold who lived west

of Bippus, Wilbur Wigner, a 14-year-old Western Union messenger boy, and Charles Grindle and Warren Wigner of Wabash all had wireless sets. All expressed disappointment, but they dismantled their equipment at once, according to a newspaper story.

This column was originally published April 12, 2017. Pete Jones writes a weekly column on local history for the Wabash Plain Dealer. He writes about people, places and events in and around Wabash County. Contact him by mail at 1160 Sunset Drive, Wabash, IN 46992 or by email at peteinwabash@comcast.net.

Honor Flight asks residents to fly American flags on Easter

STAFF REPORT

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) is encouraging everyone to show their patriotism on Easter by flying their American Flag, according to a press release.

"The American flag can be displayed on all days, but in particular it should be flown on holidays," stated the release.

This year especially, Honor Flight Northeast Indiana

is urging community residents to show their unity and support in a way that everyone can participate, by flying the American flag.

"Easter is a day traditionally spent with family, friends, and loved ones. Due to COVID-19 precautions this year, that gathering is simply not possible. By flying the American flag at your home, your business, if essential, and from your car windows, you can demonstrate your support

of our nation coming together in strength, perseverance, and pride against this invisible war ... not unlike the battles that our veterans fought and continue to fight for us," stated Honor Flight Northeast Indiana President Dennis Covert.

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